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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE WEIL

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: U.S.-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING

HEF: BELGRADE 4148

1. I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING US A SUGGESTED GREET-
ING FROM SECRETARY KREPS, WHICH SHE HAS APPROVED AND
WHICH WILL BE HAND-CARRIED BY VERNON STANSBURY. I ALSO
APPRECIATE THE DRAFT ADDRESS WHICH STANSBURY COULD DELIVER
IN MY BEHALF IF YOU THINK IT APPROPRIATE. IN ADDITION,
STANSBURY IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE SOME REMARKS ON WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 7 AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING. I SUGGEST THAT BOTH
HIS AND MY REMARKS BE DISTRIBUTED.

2. I APPROVE THE SUGGESTED ADDRESS, BUT HAVE RESERVATIONS
ABOUT THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS, WHICH I RECOMMEND BE DELETED:
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A) PARAGRAPH 2, BEGINNING QUOTE THE WAY IN WHICH THE
TRADE ISSUE IS RESOLVED AND ENDING; ALSO LIMIT THE INTRO-
DUCTION OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT; AND,

B) PARAGRAPH 4, BEGINNING QUOTE THE U.S. VIEWS THE FREE
TRADE PRINCIPLE AND ENDING WHICH ARE COSTLY TO FIRMS ON

BOTH SIDES; AND,

C) PARAGRAPH ON GSP SHOULD BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:
THERE ARE 98 ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES AND 2,800 DIFFERENT PRO-
DUCTS. CHANGE FIFTH SENTENCE TO THERE ARE LIMITS ON THE
UTILIZATION OF THE GSP PROGRAM. DELETE QUOTE EXPORTS MAY
NOT EXCEED AND NEXT SENTENCE ENDING TOTAL U.S. IMPORTS.
UNQUOTE. SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING QUOTE PARTICULARLY THE COM-
PETITIVE NEED REQUIREMENTS TERMINATE DUTY FREE STATUS FOR
ANY PRODUCT IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE ONE IN WHICH A COUN-
TRY EXCEEDS THE ANNUAL CEILING OR ACCOUNTS FOR 50 PERCENT
OR MORE OF TOTAL U.S. IMPORTS OF ANY
SINGLE PRODUCT CATEGORY. HOWEVER, THE ANNUAL CEILING (CUR-
RENTLY \$33.4 MILLION FOR ANY SINGLE PRODUCT CATEGORY) IS
ADJUSTED EVERY YEAR FOR INFLATION. UNQUOTE

3. I REGRET BEING UNABLE TO BE WITH YOU FOR THE MEETING,
BUT LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING THIS FALL. MY VERY BEST
WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL COUNCIL MEETING AND WARM REGARDS.
SINCERELY, FRANK A. WEIL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY
AND TRADE. CHRISTOPHER

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